

Friday 28th April 2017

Message from the head



This week classes have all been starting their new topics with excitement. There have been so many wonderful entry points, including Year 1 all scooting and skateboarding around the playground, Year 3 having a Masterchef style cook-off judged by Tiggy and Year 5 writing persuasive letters to me asking if they could have a (virtual!) trip to space to kick start their topic! Topic based learning is very important as it ensures that key skills in Literacy and Maths are applied in a creative way and that all learning is meaningful and memorable. I am really looking forward to seeing the topics develop as the term goes on, do ask your children about their learning and look out for the home learning matrices which will enable you to become involved at home too.

Please don't forget the school dinners taster session after school on Tuesday 9th May – a great opportunity for you to come and try our new halal and non-halal food for yourself. Also, if you haven't been in our new Community Room yet why not come along and 'Meet Marianne' at 9 o'clock on Tuesday. See you there!

Dates for your calendar

Tuesday 2nd May	Meet Marianne—9.00am
Wednesday 3rd May	Parent curriculum meetings for Nursery after school—3.30pm
Friday 5th May	A school tour with Marianne
Monday 8th May- Thursday 11th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 9th May	School dinners taster session—3.30pm
Tuesday 9th May	Corsica—farm trip
Friday 12th May	Sicily—farm trip
Monday 1st May	May Day—School Closed
Thurs 25th May	Last day of half term
Friday 26th May	INSET Day—School Closed
29th May—2nd June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Friday 21st July	Last day of term for the children



100% Attendance



The winner of last term's 100% attendance prize was revealed in a prize draw in assembly this week. The winner of the iPod was **Daniel Antek-Ellis** in Year 5. Well done and congratulations to all children who managed! This term there will be an opportunity to win a bike! It's a win/win situation – if you are in school every day you learn more and so become a winner and additionally one lucky person will also win a bike.

Start trying now – it could be YOU!

Attendance Rabbit & Early Bird Winners!

Attendance EYFS & KS1: **Skye**

Attendance KS2: **Madagascar**

Early Bird: **Lundy**

Well done!



Friday Tea

5th May: **Year 3**



Meet Marianne and School Tour

Come along and meet with Marianne in the community room at 9.00am on Tuesday 2nd May to discuss school dinners and any aspects of school life that you have questions about.

There is also a school tour on Friday 5th of May. It would be great to see as many of you as possible!



Year 1 off to a flying start!

This week Year 1 had their IPC entry point for their new topic: transport!

They had an exploration of personal transports such as bicycles, scooters and skateboards. A huge thank you to all the parents who sent in a method of transport with their child and to all parents who frantically ran around at the weekend to make last minute fixes or pump up tyres—your efforts are greatly appreciated as everyone had a wonderful time! The children learned about road safety, practiced turning, developed awareness of others and also practiced using light signals.



Brecknock Debate Day

A big thank you to all year groups for all the hard work you put into making last Friday's Debate Day truly memorable! There were props, banners, flags, music, chants—Nursery's debate even included a walk around the school to find animals! Children from Nursery to Year 6 spoke articulately, persuasively and passionately about a variety of topics, linked to their learning in class. The speeches were incredibly well researched and rehearsed and were performed with such charisma it made it very difficult for the audience to chose a side! Well done everyone!



Mathletics and Reading Eggs

You may have noticed that children can not currently get onto Reading Eggs and Mathletics. This is because our subscription has expired and we are currently evaluating its impact. A decision will be made in the next week about whether we keep both – we will let you know as soon as possible. In the meantime, you can use bbc bitesize (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>) or search for websites such as topmarks, mathzone and crickweb on google which have interactive games the children can play to practice their maths! Sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused.



Amazing upcoming Camden Events!

Dandelions and Dragons

A free Fun Day for all the family!



- ★ Story telling
- ★ Bodypainting
- ★ Make your own Dragon!
- ★ Arts and craft activities

Saturday 29th April 12- 4 pm

**St.Pancras Community Association,
67 Plender Street, NW1**

For more information contact Louise: 07733 307267 or 0207 492 2521

Kentish Town City Farm

Enjoy:

Face painting, badge making and pottery. all to the sound of a live band as well as food and drink!

1st May 2017, NW5 4BN

Parent Questionnaire—Last chance!

Thank you to everyone that has completed a Brecknock Parent Questionnaire. If you have not had the chance to do this yet please collect one from the office. Please let us know what you like about the school and what areas you think could be improved.

SATs explained for KS1 and KS2!

Go to this website or click on the QR code to watch a 5 minute guide about SATs and what tests the children will be taking.



<https://michaelt1979.wordpress.com/2017/01/07/national-curriculum-test-videos/>

Golden Book Awards! And this weeks winners are...



Anes & Shayan—Skye, Kymarion & Mia- Mull, Abdullahi & Liam —Guernsey, Hassan & Alia —Jersey, Mustafa & Moahmed —Y3, Adam A & Sayed Y4, Tanimia & Daniel—Y5, Mara & Will - Y6